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## CORVETTES OF FRESNO

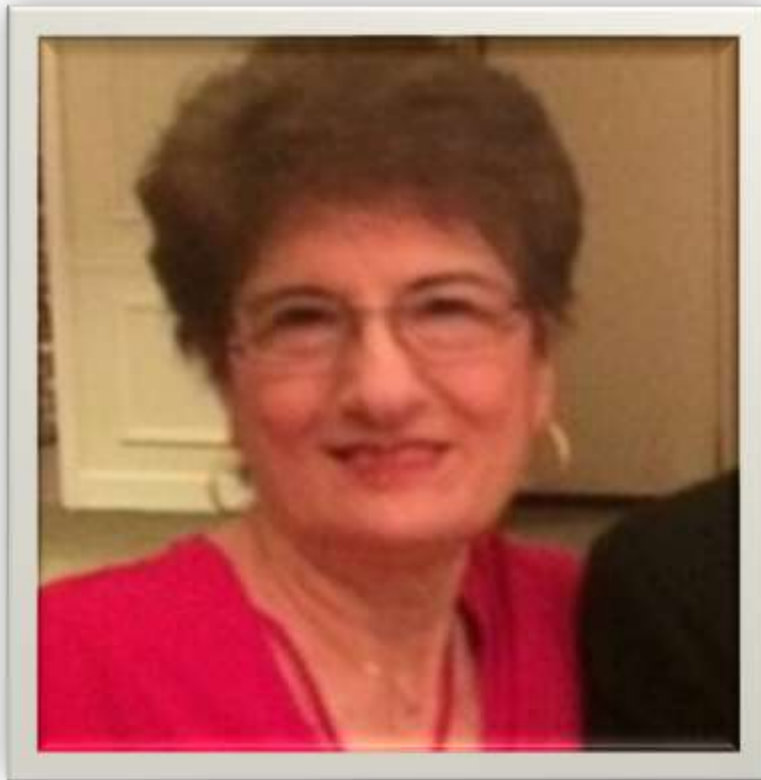


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## **CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC**

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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe  
4020 North Cedar, Fresno  
Located between Dakota & Ashlan Avenues on the east side of Cedar Avenue**

**If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.**

The one-time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, caravan rules and nametag. This fee is due at time of application for club membership along with pro-rated dues amount for the first year.

Our Club Year runs from October 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual, payable in advance.



## **CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

**President:** Louis Biglieri  
**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Pres. – Events:** Randy Forrester  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. – Membership:** Cheryl Blackstone  
**Secretary:** Debbie Dukes  
**Treasurer:** Dave Trauger  
**Communications Director:** Betsy Lindegren

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES**

**Webmaster:** Gary Linsner  
**NCCC Governor:** Allen Teixeira  
**Sunshine Representative:** Ruth Looney

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Dave Trauger

### **Mailing Address:**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC  
P. O. Box 26223  
Fresno, California 93729-6223**

### **COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET VIA ZOOM ON  
Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME**

If you wish to attend, contact Betsy Lindegren to request a Zoom invite.

**“Fiberglass Forever” is a monthly newsletter striving to provide information regarding Corvettes of Fresno, Inc. to the public at large and to share information regarding COF Club Events/Activities with the general membership.**



# PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



First of all, my condolences to Jerry Najarian and his family for the passing of JoAnn on March 22, 2023. **She will be greatly missed by us all.**

Last Saturday we celebrated 60 years as the Corvettes of Fresno Club with a picnic at the Quail Lakes Clubhouse. We had over 30 members attend; Dave Trauger did an excellent job smoking tri tips and the board members brought side dishes.

We had over 20+ gifts for our raffle which included Corvettes purses, cookies, various wines, gift cards and gift baskets. I do want to thank our COF members for being so generous with the gifts that were offered for the raffle.

We also had a special raffle with each entry requiring a \$50.00 donation to (This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year we have held this raffle with Mitch Koligian donating his vacation home in Cayucos for a 2-night stay as the prize.) Walt Spade won this generous gift.



I also want our members and friends to know that we are not just a corvette club, but we also have donated a total 30K + over the years since 1963 to various charities including Hinds Hospice, Marjaree Mason Center, Central California Food Bank and others.

During the Picnic, we also had a golf cart race where one person, the driver was blind folded and his passenger would guide him around cones, the winners were Dave and Mokie and their award was a big thank you for winning. Since this is a yearly event, I am hoping more of our members will attend in 2024.

If have been checking our web page, you will notice Gary Linsner (web master) has been making our web page easier to navigate and keeping it updated with photos of runs and future events. Great Job Gary

Also, welcome back Betsy (Communication Director) it was nice to see you back at the general meeting and the picnic.

Save the Wave,  
President, Louis Biglieri



**Corvettes of Fresno  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Treasurer Dave Trauger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Randy Forrester, Cheryl Blackstone, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Betsy Lindegren, Gary Linsner, Allen Teixeira and Ruth Looney. President Louis Biglieri was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last General Meeting dated February 21, 2023 were published in the March 2023 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Ruth Looney and seconded by Gary Pflepsen. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Nancy Teixeira and seconded by Gerri Ware. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Trauger presented the activity reports on both the General and Reno/Tahoe accounts for the month of March 2023.

**General Account:**

Deposits / Credits: \$ -0-

Checks / Debits: \$ -0-

**Tahoe Account:**

Deposits / Credits: \$750.00  
\$ 750.00 – Three Registrations

Checks / Debits: -0-



A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Carol Trauger and seconded by Lee Delap. Motion approved.

**For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger**

## **Membership Report:**

Cheryl Blackstone reported as of this date, Corvettes of Fresno has 85 members and 61 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 44 members and 2 guest.

Our guests tonight are former Corvettes of Fresno members, Rolando & Lori Martinez. Rolando and Lori have a 2005 Corvette; black on black.



## **Communications Report:**

Betsy Lindegren reported that she is glad to be back and the March newsletter was sent out to everyone the first part of March.

Betsy thanked Cheryl Blackstone, Gerri Ware and Cece Karlie for stepping up and becoming moderators for the Corvettes of Fresno Facebook page. They will make sure that all of the runs and pictures are posted onto the club Facebook page.

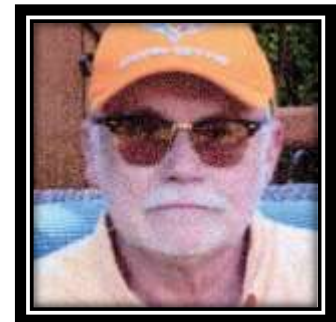


Also, Betsy thanked our wonderful webmaster, Gary Linsner for being so prompt with everything that she sends him!

## **Webmaster Report:**

Gary Linsner reported that he has changed the web page some and has given it a more streamlined look.

None of the Board member's email addresses were working properly so he has removed them from the web page. Anyone wishing to contact a Board member needs to complete the contact form. The contact form will then be sent to Gary and he will forward it to the proper person.



Gary will be working on posting the updated By-laws and the pictures from the Murphy's run, then the website will be up to date.

**Activities Report:** Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com).



Randy Forrester reported the following:

**Past Events:**

**March 02:** Gambler's Classic, run to Laughlin. Gary Linsner stated that he participated in this run; there were a total of 10 cars but only 2 of them were Corvettes. Due to the weather, Highway 58 was closed and it was hard getting across. Once they arrived in Laughlin everyone had a good time.

**March 17–18:** Murphy's Irish Days run. Cece Karlie reported that they had great weather with no road closures. They stopped in Columbia State Park for lunch then onto Sonora for a Mexican dinner. Saturday morning, they all dressed up in their green attire, shirts & tutus for the ladies and Saint Patrick's Day shirts for the men! Cece said that while at the parade they were quite the celebrities with random people stopping them and asking for their pictures. Some women even named them "The Gorgeous Green Grannies!"

**Upcoming Events:**

**March 24:** Ladies' Card Party hosted by Margaret Tejerian. 10:00am – 1:00pm

**March 25:** COF Club Picnic hosted by the Board – 11:30am. Everything will be provided by the board; cost is \$10 per person. There will be games & raffle prizes. Bring your check books to purchase the fundraiser raffle tickets for Terry's house!

**April 12:** Meet and Eat at Sakura Chaya, 6:00pm, hosted by The Traugers

**April 14:** Cass Winery hosted by Jim Setrakian & Mitch Koligian. Meet at 9:00am in the Cosmopolitan parking lot, leave by 9:30. Arrival time at the winery is planned for 12:00 – 12:15. The menu consists of a choice between three different sandwiches, pizza or salad, wine can be purchased by the bottle or glass. Please bring your walkie talkies.

**April 20:** Ladies' Card Party hosted by Pam Linsner. 10:00am – 1:00pm

**April 24 – 30:** Arizona run hosted by Bruce & Ruth Looney. The Blackstone's are putting together a travel book for this run. All attendees will receive a booklet when we meet at 7:30am at McCoys, located at Chestnut and 99.

**May 12:** Grizzlies Baseball Game hosted by Darrick Duerksen. Darrick has reserved the Executive Suite for our club. The fee is \$78 per person. Please see Darrick if you would like to have a flyer with all of the details on it. Darrick will have tickets available at the April General meeting. If you do not purchase tickets by the April General meeting and still want to go you may contact Darrick and he will get the tickets to you. Also, for an additional \$78 you may bring a guest, they do not have to be a Corvettes of Fresno member.

**May 18–21:** Nevada Open Road Challenge. Gary Linsner stated that he may go to this event. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Gary.

**May 20 - 21:** Nethercutt Museum & Crystal Palace hosted by Dave Trauger. We plan to leave Fresno early in the morning, stop for breakfast somewhere along the way and then attend the 10:30 tour. There are a lot of things to see at the museum besides cars and it is free of charge. The tour will be over around 12:00 – 12:30. Afterwards we will stop somewhere for lunch then head to Bakersfield to the Crystal Palace. We will enjoy dinner and the show at the Crystal Palace and spend the night in the hotel next door.

**May 20:** Central Valley Corvettes has invited Corvettes of Fresno to join them for an evening at Madera Raceway. They will be meeting at 3:30pm at the Union 76 station on west Herndon across from the shopping center. Before the race starts you will be able to drive your Corvette on the racetrack!

**June 10:** Knight's Ferry for lunch hosted by Ron & Diane Rumbaugh. Ron reported that we will be having lunch at the River's Edge Restaurant which has delicious bread pudding! The group will be led from Fresno to Turlock where we will meet up with Ron and Diane, then we will proceed on to Knight's Ferry.

**July 9-12:** Monterey Tour hosted by the Pfllepsens. This run is limited to 12 cars. Gary stated that the hotel rooms have a rate of \$159 per night and they need to be booked by the end of April. Monday we will be taking a drive to Big Sur for lunch and Tuesday we'll be going along the 17 Mile Drive and spending the afternoon in Carmel where the women can go shopping. Tuesday night dinner will be at the Fishwife seafood restaurant in Pacific Grove. Gary will email all of the information to Randy Forrester for him to post.

**September 7–10:** Reno/Tahoe Event co-chaired by Cheryl Blackstone and Gerri Ware...Cheryl reported that they have received 13 confirmed reservations. Also, the High Desert Corvette Club from Bend Oregon will be coming with 17 cars! All of the volunteer committees have been filled. Cece Karlie and Debbie Dukes will be in charge of collecting all cash donations and raffle prizes. Please keep the raffle prizes small in size, remember that people have to take them home in their Corvettes. All of the reservation glitches have been worked out, so now you can make your room reservations. The next Reno/Tahoe meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Denny's at Herndon and Blackstone. The Reno/Tahoe meeting will be held first with the Board meeting immediately following.

The next Board meeting will be on April 4, 2023 at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Betsy for a Zoom invite.

Next General meeting: April 20, 2023 7:00 pm in person at Yosemite Falls Cafe

### **NCCC Report:**

Allen Teixeira reported that with NCCC our dues are basically the same as when we were with WSCC and we have third party insurance. Also, NCCC has a lot of activities going on which you can read about in their Blue Bars magazine. We are hoping to get our Reno/Tahoe Tour promoted in the Blue Bars which will hopefully bring us more participation. Allen thanked Gary Linsner for his work on our club web site. Gary is very much appreciated!



**Old Business / New Business:** None

### **Sunshine Report:**

Ruth Looney reported that \*Jo Ann Najarian has been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer and other numerous tumors. Jo Ann is not strong enough for chemo but they are managing her pain. She has been moved to a hospice in Clovis. Cards and prayers would be welcomed by both Jo Ann and Jerry. Betsy Lindegren is doing well and we are glad to have her back with us at the meetings. Ruth announced birthdays and anniversaries for March.



\*Editor's Note: JoAnn Passed away March 22, 2023. Viewing March 29<sup>th</sup> & Services March 30<sup>th</sup>



**Name Tag Drawing:** The winner for the March's Name Tag Drawing was Mokey Cowger. Mokey was present with his name tag on and won \$10. April's Name Tag Drawing will be worth \$10.

**50/25/25:** The two winners of \$55 each were Jan Pflepsen and Lee Delap. Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Carol Trauger. Motion approved.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Debbie Dukes, Secretary



### Best Wishes to COF Members with April Birthdays



Darrick Duerksen – 14

Mitch Koligian – 17

Judy MacKay – 17

Gerri Ware – 17

David Goudelock – 19

John Ashley – 22

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April Anniversaries

Ron & Diane Rumbaugh – 4

Louis & Socorro Biglieri – 5

Bill & Christine Sahatdjian – 13

Gary & Jan Pflepsen – 15



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# Pictures from March 2023 Corvettes of Fresno Celebrating 60 Years



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